IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following:

[0002]   Notification services enable users of computer systems, cellular telephones, personal digital ~~assist dance~~ <u>assistants</u> (PDAs), and other communications and/or processing devices to receive timely information over a network. For example, notification services allow users to receive real-time stock quotes, traffic reports, weather forecasts, and other important information over the Internet, wireless telecommunications networks, and other networks. A notification may take the form of an electronic mail (e-mail) message, a short message service (SMS) message, or any of various other mechanisms available using a conventional computer system or communication device (e.g., Yahoo! Alert). Notification messages of this sort are typically generated by World Wide Web sites or other sites on the Internet.

Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following:

[0012]   As described in greater detail below, a network-based notification system includes a notification server and a session initiation protocol (SIP) (or some other, similar multimedia protocol) -enabled registration server. The notification system maintains a profile of each user, which contains information used to identify the various devices of each user. In response to receiving a notification message for a user from a remote network site, the notification system accesses the user's profile and other devices on the network to determine at which of the devices of the user the user is "present", if any. In the specification, the user is considered to be "present" on device [[is]] <u>if</u> that device is online and its appropriate application (if any) is running. The notification system then selects one of the devices at which the user is present, if any, based on a user

preference or other information in the user's profile, and sends a notification message for the user at the selected device. Delivery of the notification to the user will result in an acknowledgement being returned to the notification system. In that case, the notification system may provide a delivery confirmation to the original source of the notification. If no acknowledgment of the notification is received by notification system, the notification system attempts to provide notification to the user at each of the user's registered devices, successively, until acknowledgment is received, or all devices have been tried or a user-specified device limit has been reached.

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following:

[0026]   Following block 311, if an acknowledgement of the notification is received by the notification server 4 within the predefined timeout period (block 312), and if an acknowledgement was requested by the merchants web site 5 (block 313), then the process ends with block 314, in which a "delivered" message is sent to the merchant web site 5, indicating successful notification of the user. If no acknowledgment was requested by the merchant web site 5, the process simply ends with block 313. If an acknowledgement of the notification was not received within the timeout period at block 312, but there are additional devices ~~that~~ <u>at</u> which the user is present (block 315), the process loops back to block 310, described above. If a timely acknowledgement was not received from any device at which the ~~users~~ <u>user is</u> present (blocks 312 and 315), the process continues from block 316, as described above.